

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 125

By Herron

A RESOLUTION to recognize William Howard Haltom III on becoming an Eagle Scout.

WHEREAS, at a time when this nation's youth face difficult challenges, the Boy Scouts of America is one of our finest assets, providing young people with an educational program that contributes significantly to their character development, citizenship training and improved mental and physical fitness; and

WHEREAS, the highest rank a Boy Scout can attain is that of Eagle Scout, and William Howard Haltom III, after considerable effort and diligent preparation, has joined the prestigious Eagle Court of Honor; and

WHEREAS, the son of Bill and Claudia Haltom, William is a Junior at White Station High School, where he has demonstrated considerable ability as a leader among his peers as a member of the Japanese Club, the Spanish Club and the Cross Country team; he has also been cast in two school plays; and

WHEREAS, his notable record of academic achievement includes his receipt of the Spanish Award, the Citizenship Award and the Thespian Award and his perennial appearance on the Distinguished Honor Roll; and

WHEREAS, William has also devoted his time and remarkable intellect to the study of the Chinese and Hindi languages; and

WHEREAS, William has been active in the Memphis community through his involvement with Boy Scout Troop 34 and as a volunteer at the Juvenile Court Detention Center and with Calvary Episcopal Church's Street Ministry; and

WHEREAS, indicative of his extraordinary motivation, William has accomplished a great deal over his summer vacations, working as a File Clerk at the law firm of Thomason, Hendrix, Harvey, Johnson and Mitchell and as a Counselor at the Lookout Mountain Camp for Boys and travelling to Japan as an exchange student with Youth for Understanding; and

WHEREAS, William's Eagle project greatly contributed to the betterment of his community and reflected the true spirit of Volunteerism, as he translated Church Health Center brochures from English into Spanish, thus helping to make the services of the Center accessible to the Hispanic population of Memphis; and

WHEREAS, he evinces his devout religious faith as an active member of Calvary Episcopal Church; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that we should pause to recognize William Howard Haltom III as one of the most outstanding young people in our State; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and congratulate William Howard Haltom III upon his becoming an Eagle Scout and extend to him our earnest wishes for his continued success in every endeavor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.